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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG SY

SUBJ: AYYUBI-SALIM MEETING IN RIYADH

REF: CAIRO 6416

1. WHETHER GOE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT GOE-SARG RAPPROACHMENT IS IN THE GARDS OR NOT (REFTEL), IT IS NOTABLE THAT EGYPTIAN PRESS HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY SILENT OVER LATEST LEBANESE DEVELOPMENTS. SARKIS ELECTION, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS BEEN REPORTED BUT NO EDITORIAL CONCLUSIONS ARE DRAWN, EITHER PRO-OR ANTI-SARG.

2. IN PERHAPS RELATED DEVELOPMENT, BRITISH EMBASSY TELLS US THAT THEIR PLO CONTACTS ARE SAYING RECENT VISITS TO CAIRO BY FATAH LUMINARIES WERE TIMED SO THAT PLO-GOE RAPPROACHMENT WOULD APPEAR TO PRECEDE GOE-SARG RAPPROACHMENT, WHICH LOCAL PLO OFFICERS HAVE SAID IS IMMINENT. PLO, OF COURSE, IS ALWAYS EAGER PRESERVE FACADE, IF NOT REALITY, OF INDEPENDENT ACTION AND WOULD NOT WISH APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING SYRIAN LEAD BACK TO CAIRO.

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3. COMMENT: ON FURTHER INDICATION THAT GOE MAY SEE
POSSIBILITY OF RAPPROACHEMENT ON ACCEPTABLE
TERMS IS THAT, ALTHOUGH VP MUBARAK AND SARG PRIMIN
AYYUBI ARE CO-CHAIRMAN OF MORIBUND EGYPT-SYRIAN COORDINATION
COMMITTEE SET UP APRIL, 1975, IT IS PREMIN SALIM, PROBABLY
SHREWDER NEGOTATOR, WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO GO TO RIYADH.
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